

## Sadie Bradshaw

Sadie G. Bradshaw, a long time Groton resident, passed away on Thursday, May 16, 1985, at the Presbyterian Nursing Center, Lakeland, Fla. Mrs. Bradshaw had celebrated her 88th birthday a month earlier. Internment next to her husband at Groton Union Cemetery is planned later this summer.

Born April 9, 1897 on a farm southwest of Groton, Sadie Grace Wagener was the third child of Franz (Frank) August and Elizabeth Ann (Pfeifer) Wagener. Both parents were members of large families who had come to the Groton area from Wisconsin in the 1880's. The fall after her birth, Sadie's family moved to a farm northeast of James in Henry Township. In 1911 the family next moved to the "Old Pfeifer Farm" in Putney Township. Later called the Riverside Stock Farm, it was the site of Yorkville, the pioneer post office, trading post, and crossing point on the James River that was one of the first settlements in this part of South Dakota.

In 1915 she moved with her family to a residence on North Main Street in Groton that was to be her home for the next 35 years. She attended Groton High School for several years, and later undertook studies in bookkeeping, typing, and shorthand at the business college in Mankato, Minn. Subsequently she was employed by Bowles Garage, the Groton Electric Company, and for many years in the offices of the High Grade Oil Company. Early in her life she developed a great interest in travel and made a number of trips to various parts of the United States as well as Canada and Mexico.

On June 17, 1944 she married Ralph Waldo Bradshaw of Groton. They lived in the Wagener family home until 1950, when they started making their home in Lakeland, Fla. A number of Groton friends

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had also selected that area of Florida for their retirement.

Mrs. Bradshaw and her husband shared avid interests in flowers, travel, and slide photography. Through their extensive travels they saw most of the country and developed a wide circle of friends in many locations around the United States. After her husband passed away in 1964, Mrs. Bradshaw traveled less, but she maintained active correspondence with her many friends and relatives until the last year or so.

Mrs. Bradshaw and her family joined the Methodist Church the winter after moving into Groton. She served as the secretary of the Sunday School for many years. She also was a member of the Diana Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star for over 60 years.

Preceding her in death were her husband, her brothers, Elmer Roy Wagener, Groton and Frank Samuel Wagener, Sioux Falls, and her sister, Gertrude Elizabeth (Mrs. Vance E. Miller), Groton. Among the many mourning her are two nieces, Mrs. June Geraldine Wagener Witt, Howard, and Mrs. Marilyn Ann Miller Schornack of Des Moines, Iowa, and two nephews, Hobart Dean Wagener of Boulder, Colo., and Vance Edward Miller Jr. of Portola Valley, Calif., and their families. Other relatives include members of the Ruden family of Groton; the Marquardt family of Watertown, S.D.; the Quincer family of Wadena, Minn.; the Semrich family, Watertown, Wis.; and the Pfeifer family living in Aberdeen and in Southern California.